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Cafeteria ▪ Classroom ▪ Community



Taking Root: Montana Farm to School Conference

August 16-17, 2012 — MSU, Bozeman



Join us to learn how Farm to School is taking root in Montana communities.

Farm to School aims to improve child nutrition by helping children understand and experience where their food comes from. It incorporates healthy farm-fresh food in school meals and snacks, provides increased opportunity for garden-based learning and agriculture education across the curriculum, and strengthens community-wide connections to support local farmers and children's well-being.

We will explore a wealth of Farm to School topics throughout the **cafeteria, classroom and community**. You will also have a chance to network with a variety of stakeholders and be inspired by the variety of ways Farm to School has taken root in communities throughout Montana.

Teachers, administrators, school foodservice professionals, parents, and community partners from **early childhood programs and K-12 school** districts, along with ranchers and farmers are encouraged to attend.

You can find more information and registration for the conference here: www.montana.edu/cs/conferences/farmtoschool

or contact Montana Team Nutrition Programs
Phone (406) 994-5641 E-mail kbark@mt.gov

Renewal units from OPI and MT Early Childhood Project will be available

Conference highlights include:

- ⇒ **School Gardening:** Tips for making it work in Montana and school garden field trips (PreK-12)
- ⇒ **Keeping it Local:** Tips for incorporating local foods in child nutrition programs and school fundraisers
- ⇒ **Food = Learning:** Teaching kids to make healthy food choices and meet science and math education standards
- ⇒ **From Garden to School Cafeterias:** Ideas for successful service learning projects and agricultural education lessons (PreK-12)
- ⇒ **Local Food Purchasing Toolbox:** Ensuring food safety and staying within your budget
- ⇒ **Policy Update:** National Farm to School Network
- ⇒ **Community:** Cultivating strong partnerships
- ⇒ **Day 2 Workshop:** School & Community Gardens Tour sponsored by Learning by Nature

Registration Fees: Early Bird (by July 17): Day 1—\$35.00; Day 2—\$15.00; Regular Fee (after July 17): Day 1—\$45.00; Day 2—\$25.00

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Day 1: August 16 — 8 am to 5 pm
Day 2: August 17 — 9 am to 1 pm
Montana State University, Bozeman

